

## Area Highlights

This forest and wetlands tract contains Prairie Slough Natural Area, a wet-mesic bottomland forest. Prairie Slough Conservation Area is in Pike and Lincoln counties, near Elsberry on Highway P. The upper portion of Prairie Slough is in private ownership and is closed to general public use.

## Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Bicycling – Fishing – Hiking  
Hunting – Outdoor Photography – Wildlife Viewing

*Conservation Areas are closed from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. except for authorized fishing and hunting activities.*

- No fireworks.
- No open fires.
- No target shooting allowed.
- Dogs must be leashed or confined when not being trained or used for hunting. Special-use permits are required for field and retriever trials.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal use. Cutting or removing other vegetation is prohibited. Taking of wild greens from natural areas is prohibited.
- Motor vehicles are allowed on public roadways and in parking areas.
- Bicycling is allowed on roads open to vehicles.
- Camping is prohibited.
- Swimming, scuba diving, water skiing, sailboarding, skateboarding, caving and rappelling are prohibited.

## Fishing and Boating

*Fishing and frogging are allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:*

- Bullfrogs and green frogs may not be taken with firearms.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited.
- Salvage seining of non-game fish for personal

use is permitted only with written authorization.

- Boats may be used for fishing and wildlife activities and may not be left unattended overnight.

## Hunting and Trapping

*Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:*

- Deer hunting is permitted under statewide seasons and limits except: only archery methods may be used. Deer hunting with firearms is prohibited.
- Only portable tree stands are allowed and only from September 1 through January 31. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled on a durable material with the full name and address, or Conservation Number, of the owner and be removed from the area before February 1. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Decoys and portable blinds are permitted but must be removed from the area daily. Blinds may be constructed on-site, but only from willows and non-woody vegetation.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted by special-use permit.

### For local information, contact:

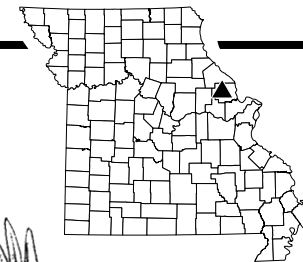
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*Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking area.*

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(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are in Chapter 11 of the Wildlife Code. A free printed copy of the Wildlife Code, which lists most area regulations, is available from the Conservation Department. Chapter 11 in its entirety is available at [www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/3csr/3csr.asp](http://www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/3csr/3csr.asp).) Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs of the Missouri Department of Conservation is available to all individuals without regard to their race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Questions should be directed to the Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (573) 751-4115 (voice) or 800-735-2966 (TTY), or to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Federal Assistance, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.

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